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**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 1999

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 24th Annual Capital Pride Festival, a celebration of and for the National Capital Area's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered communities and their friends.

Since its inception in 1975, the Capital Pride Festival has grown from a small block party into a 9-day series of events which culminate in a downtown parade and Pennsylvania Avenue street fair on Sunday, June 13th. Last year over 3,000 people marched in the parade and participated as exhibitors, entertainers, or volunteers at the street fair. More than 175,000 people attended this annual celebration.

It has been 35 years since the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and gays and lesbians are still not covered by its protections. We must fight to make sure that not another 35 years or 10 years or even 1 year more passes without this Nation recognizing sexual orientation as a protected class in the United States. Congress must pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), and I will do my best to make sure that it is passed in this Congress.

This year, the Capital Pride Festival organizers and sponsors, the Whitman-Walker Clinic and One-in-Ten, have selected "Unite, Celebrate, Remember" for the Festival's theme. Let's take that theme to heart and unite to achieve our goal of eliminating discrimination based on sexual orientation, celebrate our accomplishments, and remember those, like Matthew Shepherd, who we have lost because hatred and discrimination against gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered Americans still exist.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in saluting the 24th Annual Capital Pride Festival, its organizers, and the volunteers who make it possible.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER MICHIGAN  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAVID  
ANTHONY

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to Dave Anthony, a former representative to the Michigan House of Representatives from the 108th Representative District, which is comprised of three counties in my congressional district.

First elected to the House in 1990, Dave Anthony has just concluded his service in that body because of the Michigan term limits law. This law was enacted at the will of the voters of Michigan, but I have to confess that in this case I believe the law has turned an excellent public servant out of office.

Dave succeeded me in the 108th District seat, and he has represented both the com-

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munity where I grew up and the community where I and my family now live. Dave and I have always enjoyed a special relationship personally and professionally.

Whether the issue was timber or roads, Dave was always ready to jump into the political and legislative arena, and he was a tireless worker for the "Yoopers," those special residents of Michigan that live in the state's Upper Peninsula, the U.P.

Dave's experience in politics and in constituent service was shaped by his work as the Upper Peninsula representative of Sen. CARL LEVIN. It should be clear from my remarks, Mr. Speaker, that Dave Anthony has spent much of his adult life in public service.

Because I made the same trip so many times, I know how many long hours Dave had to log on Michigan highways, not just holding office hours within his district but also in the drive between his home community of Escanaba and the state capital of Lansing.

This seven-hour sojourn served as an excellent metaphor for the physical isolation of the Upper Peninsula from the state house, and it made clear the special burden of U.P. legislators in speaking on behalf of a region that many House colleagues knew only in news stories and travel brochures.

Dave, usually accompanied by his children—son Robbie and daughter Courtney—always "light up" political or legislative events. This summer Susie will be added to the Anthony family and will contribute mightily to the fine reputation of public service the Anthony family has given to us "Yoopers."

I will miss working with Dave, and the residents of northern Michigan will miss him. Dave will have a little extra time now for his favorite pastime—fly fishing—but, with his experience and commitment, I believe the people of Michigan haven't heard the last of Dave Anthony.

HONORING CHARLES MELTON

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 1999

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to rise before you today to pay tribute to a loyal friend and a tireless advocate of America's workers, who was taken from this Earth too soon. On Thursday, February 25, members and friends of Local 653 of the United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America have decided to go forth with their plans to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Charles J. Melton of Pontiac, Michigan, who died January 31.

It has been said that "death ends a life, not a relationship," and this is certainly the case with those who have ever come into contact with Charlie Melton and have benefitted from his influence. A lifelong Pontiac resident, Army veteran, and a committed labor activist, Charlie's association with the UAW began in 1952. Within two years, he became a committeeman, and spent the following 30 years serving his fellow colleagues as union representative, benefit representative, vice president, and ultimately president of Local 653. Early on, Char-

lie had a fervent desire to help people in any way possible and do whatever he could to ensure that a strong, equitable, and positive environment existed in the workplace and throughout the community.

Upon his retirement from General Motors in 1983, after 31 years, Charlie continued to work on behalf of his peers through the Local's Retiree chapter, where he served as chairman for many years. He also served as recording secretary for the UAW Region 1 Retirees Council. He was always found within the halls of the union planning everything from meetings to fishing trips.

Charlie's ability to make a difference was a trait shared by his wonderful wife, Bonnie, and they both instilled these values in their son, Tim. One of Charlie's greatest joys was to recently see his son elected as the youngest member ever of Oakland County's Board of Commissioners. The strides that Tim will make as he begins his career as a public servant will serve to continue the legacy of his father.

Mr. Speaker, Charles J. Melton was not just a constituent, but a very good friend. It is with a heavy heart that I stand before you today, however it is also with great pride that I do so. It is people like Charlie, who make it their life's work to improve the quality and dignity of life for us all that continue to inspire us to greater efforts. I, along with Charlie's family, and his UAW extended family will truly miss him a great deal. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of a great man.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 1999 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 1

8:30 a.m.

YEAR 2000 TECHNOLOGY PROBLEM

To hold hearings on certain Year 2000 issues.

Room to be announced

10 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to Year 2000 computer problems.